# Country: Sri Lanka / LK

## **Prohibited commodities**

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus :

Animal skins Antiques Furs Ivory Jewellery Perishables Precious metals & stones

# **Document Express**

General correspondence (business or private), plus: Lack of Zip code will produce atleast 1 day delay.

Airline tickets, issued/validated	[1]	Annual reports	
Blueprints	[1]	Cash letters (NI)	
Cheques , cancelled (NI)		Cheques, cashier (NI)	
Credit card blanks (NI)	[2]	Credit cards (NI)	
Deeds	[1]	Computer printouts	
Diplomatic mail		Documents, general business	
Invoices, not blank		Money orders (NI)	
Manuals, technical	[1]	Manuscripts	
Newspapers	[1]	Pamphlets	[1]
Personal mail		Ship manifest-computer generated	
Shipping schedules		Visa applications	

**1.** *Maximum quantity: 5 pieces; Otherwise ship via WPX* 

2. Maximum: 12 pieces; Otherwise ship via WPX

### Worldwide Package Express

1. All shipments must have a contact person and phone number.

2. Printed material is dutiable if more than 5 pieces. Note following restrictions :

Chemicals, non-hazardous	[1]	Communications equipment	[2]
Cotton seed	[3]	Drugs: non-prescription	[4]
Drugs: prescription	[4]	Films: entertainment	[5]
Gambling devices	[6]	Military equipment	[2]
Plant products	[3]	Phone/modems	[2]
Radar equiptransmitters/receivers	[2]	Plants	[3]
Seeds	[3]	Radio equipment	[2]
Tapes: video cassettes	[9]	Ship spares	[8]
Toys	[10]	Telecommunications equipment	[2]

- **1.** Local customs require documentation/literature to be provided to ascertain the properties/usage of the chemical.
- **2.** For phones and walkie-talkies, consignee requires approval from the Ministry of Defense and/or Ministry of Post & Telecommunications, delay: 48 hrs.
- **3.** Phyto certificate from origin required. Approval for the Agriculture department is required to be obtained locally by consignee.
- **4.** Import control license to be obtained by consignee from the Controller of Imports & Exports.
- 5. Consignee required approval for the Film Corporation for customs clearance.
- **6.** Restricted by local government. Consignee required special approval from Ministry of Finance. Contact C.S. Supervisor/CMB before shipping.
- **7.** Shipment will be detained, paperwork handed over to consignee for formal clearance. Shipment has to be cleared and thereafter taken to ship under supervision of customs.
- 8. Including video compact discs (VCD) subject to screening by customs authority.
- 9. Toy guns: Full description and cnee approval required.

#### **Service Impact Notes**

Shipments addressed to consignees who are entitled for duty free concessions will be detained on arrival. A cargo arrival Notice will be issued for such shipments in order to obtain such concessions from the relevant institutions. The approval process may take up to 48 hours. If the approval is not obtained, the duty must be paid.